



Project Highlights

Community Workshop March 10th

Over 130 participants

Major Themes:

- Find and secure appropriate funding
- Focus on improving and maintaining existing parks
- Provide facilities for all ages
- Trail connections

Stakeholder Interviews/Focus Groups January 17-18, March 10-11

Approximately 20 representatives of various groups interested in:

- Aquatics
- Tennis
- Golf
- Schools
- ATV/Motorcycle Users

Findings:

- There is strong interest in additional facilities, both indoor and outdoor
- No clear path from idea to implementation
- Make the best use of any existing facilities and potential partners
- There is additional need for activities and opportunities for youth

Park and Facility Analysis

- Breakdown of over 275 acres of land into 4 developed park categories to more clearly define use and needs
- Thousands of additional acres in natural areas and undeveloped mine and superfund lands
- Updated inventory of recreation facilities both indoor and outdoor
- Profile of existing aquatic facilities

Community Needs Assessment

Identified Needs:

- Develop/Redevelop park sites to provide convenient access to neighborhood parks
- More mini park sites in Uptown than are needed for park access
- Prepare for addition of many acres of superfund, mine lands
- New recreation opportunities
- Outdoor aquatic facilities

- Additional indoor recreation

Other Findings

- Adequate number of sports fields
- Upgrades and ongoing maintenance needs for sports facilities
- Strong interest in parks and recreation
- Existing indoor pools can meet most aquatics needs

Aquatics Options Presentation

- Case studies of existing aquatics facilities
- Presents a range of options for meeting additional aquatics needs
- Details the differences in both capital and operating costs for each option

Next Steps

- Refine key community priorities into a vision and goals for the park system
- Develop draft recommendations:
 - Park projects
 - Trail Projects
 - Park and Recreation Department Structure
 - Maintenance and Operations Funding
- Implementation Plan
- Adoption Process